

## State Officers Must Pay Income Tax

School Teachers, County And City Officials Included

Giles Kavanagh, Collector of Internal Revenue for the District of Michigan, announces that several thousand new income taxpayers are to be added to his already large list of 370,000 Michigan persons, who will file income tax returns under the provisions of the Public Salary Tax Act of 1939.

This law passed at the last session of Congress puts to rest the old question of public salary taxation. The salary of federal employees has always been taxable, but until this year, beginning January 1, 1939, state salaries were not taxable under federal taxing authority. All public school teachers, all state and county officials, and city and village executives and employees must pay income tax. Some of them have been paying tax on income received from other sources, but until the current year have not been required to include the salary received as a teacher or public official. Married couples, where one or the other has income from the state or a political subdivision, must now combine their incomes to determine taxability.

For 1939 and subsequent years, the tax is upon the net income which is determined by subtracting the allowable deductions and personal exemptions from the gross income. Ordinary deductions are interest paid on indebtedness (like a mortgage on a home) all taxes paid, (except income and improvement tax) benevolences to one's church or any organized charity; bad debts which became worthless during the year for which the return was made, and 10% of earned net income. The personal exemption of husband and wife living together is \$2500, and an additional \$400 for each child under 18 years of age. Single persons without dependents have an exemption of \$1000. Persons with a gross income of \$5000 or more should file their returns on Form 1040; those below \$5000 on Form 1040-A. These forms may be procured from the Collector of Internal Revenue, Detroit, Mich., and will be available after January 5, 1940. These should be executed and mailed to reach his office by March 15, 1940. The forms contain full information relative to their preparation.

## Kalkaska Playing Return Game Tonight

Thursday (tonight), the Kalkaska squad comes to Grayling for the return encounter and a good game is in prospect. The Green and White will be out to avenge last Saturday's defeat and from this distance the prospects for victory seem good.

The referee will be Mr. Bates of Harbor Springs, a competent official who has worked games in this section for a number of years.

## YOUNG MOTHER DIES, LEAVING SEVEN CHILDREN

Mrs. Ruby Lester, age 40, residing in Crawford county near Roscommon, passed away at her home Saturday night, following a 10 weeks illness. 7 children, between the ages of 4 and 16 are bereft of a mother's love and care, and at this season when all should be gladness in the home there is untold sadness.

Mr. Lester and his oldest daughter had come to Grayling Saturday evening and returned home again about eight o'clock. The youngest son, Charles, had climbed into bed beside his mother and was lying in her arms when they left. Returning the home was still and all members had retired, and Mr. Lester discovered his sick wife had passed away while they were gone.

The remains were at the Grayling Funeral Home until Tuesday when they were taken to Houghton Lake, where services were held at the Community church, with interment in the Houghton Lake cemetery. Rev. McDonald officiated.

The children are Christine, Betty, Robert, Vernon, Richard, James and Charles, and there are three sisters and two brothers survive the deceased, Mrs. Gladys Taylor and Mrs. Mabel Lille, Lansing; Mrs. Vernie Service, Cadillac; James Finley, Wolverine and Charles Agden, Houghton Lake.

The bereaved husband and children have the sympathy of the people of the community in which they live, in their sorrow.

The Lester family came to this county ten years ago from Milwaukee county.

## Hanson Cafe Trims Cadillac Mobilgas

Monday night the Hanson Cafe basketball team resumed hostilities with their ancient rivals, the "Oilers" from Cadillac. The game was the eleventh played between the two teams and it widened Grayling's winning margin to seven wins and four losses.

Cadillac has practically the same lineup as in former years, led by Brainard, sharp-shooting forward; also two stars from last year's championship high school team saw some action.

The Hanson Cafe team was not at full strength, being minus the services of Bud Sorenson and Elwyn Doremire forwards, and Ken Gothro, guard.

Those making the trip were Marshall, Harrison, Hanson, May, D. Gothro, W. Smith and "Puffy" Peterson of last year's high school team.

Making his first try in independent ball Jim Peterson really was outstanding, displaying spectacular shooting along with good passing and a steady defensive game.

Friday night the team will play their first league game at Cheboygan. They want to win their first one and then keep on to win the league championship. They have been practicing hard and the Cadillac game proves they can play ball. Watch for the first home game.

## Gathering Funds For Finnish Relief

The Avalanche, in common with many other newspapers, will accept contributions for relief of Finnish refugees. Everyone knows the need of this assistance by people of this fine nation.

No solicitation will be made for funds, but anyone wishing to do so may pay their money or send checks directly to this office. Funds are already coming in and we are sure our Grayling people will feel it a privilege to aid in this worthy cause.

CRAWFORD AVALANCHE

Contributions to the Finnish Relief Fund are coming in slowly. In another week we hope to have sufficient money on hand to make a payment. This will be sent directly to the Herbert Hoover relief organization.

Our next issue will contain the names of the local contributors, together with the amounts given.

## G. H. S. Basketeers Win One, Lose One

The Green and White basketball squad saw action twice over the week end, playing host to Roscommon Friday night and journeying to Kalkaska for another game Saturday.

Friday night saw three teams swing into action and all were nip and tuck affairs. The curtain raiser saw the Roscommon Junior High overcome an early lead to win 8-12. The reserves game saw Grayling even the score for the evening by a 14-19 count while the varsity swung the balance to Grayling by a 24-14 win.

Kalkaska Wins, 15 to 14. Saturday the team went to Kalkaska and after two hard games emerged on the short end of both counts. The reserves lost 11-13 and the varsity by a 14-15 score.

## ORGANIZE KIWANIS AUXILIARY

On Saturday, Dec. 16th, a group of 23 women met at Shoppenagons Inn for luncheon and to organize a Kiwanis Auxiliary.

The purpose of this organization is to assist the Kiwanis club in its work for underprivileged children. As an example of some of the things which can be done along this line, there was a display of the dresses made by several of the women to be given local children at Christmas. The material for the dresses was paid for by the Kiwanis Club from funds raised at its recent benefit party and appreciation to the merchants who contributed to the success of that party was expressed.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Charles Moore; vice president, Mrs. Royal Wright; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Gerald Poor.

## Grayling Funeral Home Held Formal Opening

Grayling Funeral Home held its formal opening Friday and Saturday and many friends availed themselves of the opportunity to call and see the home in its new surroundings. Visitors each received a souvenir which were "Reminder" books or pencils. You are cordially invited to call anytime; the formal opening days announcement was to let the public know that the home was ready.

Grayling Funeral Home was established in Grayling in March, 1938 with Mr. Norman Butler as manager, and was located in the Rasmussen residence on the corner of Ionia and Peninsular avenues. In December of that year the building was badly damaged by fire and they moved to the Collins house temporarily. Purchasing the former building sometime afterward it has been in the process of remodeling for several months.

Most of the interior has been remodeled with partitions changed here and there to make the place very comfortable and convenient. On entering the building is a very spacious reception room and to the left is the chapel composed of what is known as the family room with another room directly adjoining where relatives and friends may be seated. With the capacity of the living room some 100 people may be seated at one time. There are French doors leading to the chapel from the hall and reception room. Directly back of the chapel is the preparation room and equipment and supply room with a rest room nearby, and in the basement is a completely equipped showroom where caskets are displayed.

Walls of the rooms are decorated in cream and sand float swirl effect, with the woodwork in old ivory. Brown and tan figured broadloom covers the floors and there are tan Monk's cloth draperies at the windows.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler have their living quarters in the same building and this also is very attractive and up-to-date. In fact the whole interior has been carefully planned and all space used to the best advantage.

Building materials and supplies were purchased from the following firms: Building materials from Rasmussen Lumber Co. and hardware from Hanson Hardware. Herbert Pruhs and Carl Tahvonen were the carpenters; Robert Dyer was the electrician; Claude Cardinal did the decorating; A. J. Rehkopf did the heating plant; Carlyton Wythe put new basement under right wing and Claude Manuel of Gaylord did the plaster work.

## SCHOOL PARTY SAT. NIGHT TO GIVE AWAY BIKE. PUBLIC INVITED.

There will be big doings Saturday night at the school auditorium when the bicycle given away by Mac & Gidley, will be awarded the lucky contestant.

And on that evening there will be a fine musical and entertaining program. The public is invited. Come out and enjoy an evening with your fellow townsmen and our youngsters.

## Week's Review Of War In Europe

### FINLAND'S GREAT DEFENSE CASTS DOUBT UPON RUSSIA'S ARMY

For the first time in history, so far as we know, a great war is underway with both sides holding back and watching happenings upon other fronts.

It is no exaggeration to say that Russia's invasion of Finland caused the spotlight to leave the Western front and that the great defensive struggle of the Finns threatens to become the outstanding event of Europe's peculiar war.

The struggle that got underway when Germany's well-trained army followed carefully laid plans to administer a knock-out blow to Poland has produced no similar surprise since Russia stabbed Poland in the back. The Finns have not been overwhelmed in a brief campaign and after several weeks' fighting the experts think they can stay with the Russian Bear for some months.

### Russian Attack a Failure

Of course, the Russian army is not the German army in efficiency, fighting qualities or in leadership. This fact has been recalled by the failure of the Red army to pierce the heart of Finland. Before the invasion there existed, outside of Russia, a suspicion that the Russian army, with its tanks and planes, was a great fighting machine. It may so develop but the first few weeks' fighting in Finland puts the burden of proof upon Russia.

For years Germany has been fearful of an attack from Red Russia. In the event of a conflict in the West the Hitler regime was afraid of a Russian advance in the East. To avoid warfare on both fronts the Nazi leaders forgot their declared war upon Communism and made a pact with Stalin. As a result, Germany alienated Spain, Italy and Japan. If the Russian army is no better than its initial attack on Finland indicates the Germans may have paid an unnecessary price in concessions to Russia.

May Remove German Fears. There is another angle to this situation that may produce greater activity in the West. If Germany has withheld her forces, refraining from assaulting Great Britain and France, through a fear of what might happen in the East, and now concludes that the Russian army has been overestimated, her fears may diminish and, after all, Hitler may attempt to secure a decision in his war against the democracies. In the Baltic area there may be repercussions, also, because while Germany looks with misgivings upon the advance of a powerful Russia she would not be concerned very much over territorial gains that a weak and efficient Red army cannot hold.

Of course, it is too early to declare the Red army out as an effective fighting machine. The chances are that the initial advance into Finland was not well organized and that the Red forces operating against the Finns for the first two weeks did not represent the best Soviet soldiers. Certainly, Russia will make a more determined effort to conquer Finland because of the serious loss of prestige that a defeat will entail. This has a bearing upon future negotiations in the Balkan area, where Rumania, Turkey and other nations keep a keen eye on Russian purposes and military strength.

### The World Condemns Russia

So far as neutral opinion is concerned the invasion of Finland has solidified opposition to Russia. As a factor in world affairs public opinion may be discounted by aggressive leaders of imperialistic armies but it is a force that weighs heavily. As the German invasion of Czechoslovakia caused Germany to lose all favor among neutral nations so does the invasion of Finland put Russia in the class of ruthless aggressors. World condemnation of Russia, while lacking unanimity in regards to the invasion of eastern Poland, is vociferous and united in the case of Finland and Russia's pretension toward peace has been recognized as a false-front.

The reader should understand that since the sixteenth century Russia has steadily conquered and consolidated the areas that belonged to the czarist empire. Ever in the background of world diplomats has been the drive of Russia toward warmer lands and open seas. This dream of a vastly enlarged empire passed away with the last of the Romanoffs but today it seems revived as a

## Tells Readers About Grayling Winter Park

(By R. E. Prescott, in Alcona Co. Herald, Lincoln, Mich.)

Last week the writer was a guest at a press banquet at Grayling, Michigan's Winter Sports Capital, where he was hospitably received and royally entertained by Editor Oscar Schumann of the Avalanche and other civic-minded businessmen of that progressive little city.

At present the winter sports center of Michigan when the improvements now under way are completed, Grayling will have the distinction of having the largest winter sports playground in the world.

For Grayling, aided and abetted by the state and national governments, is going into winter sports in a big way.

Starting from scratch about five years ago, live local businessmen pioneered in the winter sports field pouring their time, energy and money without stint into an effort to develop their community as an all-year playground.

With a thriving hot weather colony on Lake Margrethe and a national guard encampment, Grayling businessmen did well enough in the summertime. But it was a long time between summers, and, unlike Mark Twain and the weather, they proposed to do something about it.

Beginning in a small way with local and strictly limited funds, this group of recreation enthusiasts capitalizing upon Grayling's position in the snowbelt Bolshevik dream.

### War in West Inactive

The contest between the principals in the amazing warfare continues to pursue its hesitant course, with both armies quiescent. Aerial forces show activity but nothing like the expected destruction that was to be a part of war in the air. On the seas German submarines and mines continue to take a heavy toll of allied and neutral shipping but the losses are not enough to seriously threaten the security of Great Britain or France.

The steady pressure of the blockade against German ships and commerce is belied by occasional exploits, like that of Bremen in reaching Germany safely, but the decisive force of the war, thus far, has been the sea power of Great Britain, which has driven German commerce from the harbors of the world. In January Hitler told the Reichstag that Germany "must export or die." Upon this fact all the strategy of the Allies is based. So long as the blockade continues Germany cannot "export"; the question is how long can she live?

and its unexcelled natural advantages of terrain, opened Michigan's first winter playground and staged the state's first winter carnival.

Handicapped by lack of funds and dripping red ink from body blows by the weather man and other causes, the little group persevered and finally interested the State Conservation Department, and later the National Park Service. Now these two powerful bodies are cooperating on plans which eventually will make Grayling headquarters of the world's largest winter sports playground... a million dollar project.

And this is neither stage money nor conversation. It is long past that stage. Work on a huge scale, under the direction of National Park engineers, is now progressing. As we recall the engineer's figures, estimates on the improvements now under construction call for the expenditure of approximately a half million dollars, and its completion will require two years' time... which is a lot of money even in 50-cent dollars, especially when poured into a town of less than 2,000 population.

In a beautiful natural setting, winter sports enthusiasts will find a winter playground equipped with waterworks and electric system; heated buildings at the central point as well as on the trails; four steel-walled toboggan slides, insuring speed with safety, with a 3100 foot run and electrically operated conveyor; miles of snowshoe and ski trails with resthouses; skating pond and exhibition pond.

The grounds will be built to standards required to stage official professional winter sports of every kind such as ski jumping, skating and bobsledding. In fact when completed, and the work is well underway, Grayling's winter sports grounds will outrank Lake Placid and even St. Moritz in Switzerland.

One of the assets we haven't mentioned, because he isn't a part of the government project is the Winter Sports association's publicity director, who is none other than "Birdie" Tebbetts, famous Tiger catcher, and who is a fulltime promoter for the winter sports in the baseball off season.

One of his recent coups is the signing of a sponsor for a winter sports broadcast direct from Grayling, in which 10 professional baseball players, will choose the winter sports queen.

Taken all together, we believe Grayling's got something there.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness in our sorrow of the death of our dear wife and mother.

R. C. Lester and children.

## All Winter—Which Do You Prefer?



Old Man Winter, who makes his debut on December 22, 1939, offers the world a variety of climates. Some places—California and Florida, for instance, bask in a warm winter sun while other parts of the country are snow covered.



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In Oregon and Washington, for example, Old Man Winter brings a rainy season. The umbrella is as popular in those states as it is in British diplomatic circles, and even more useful.



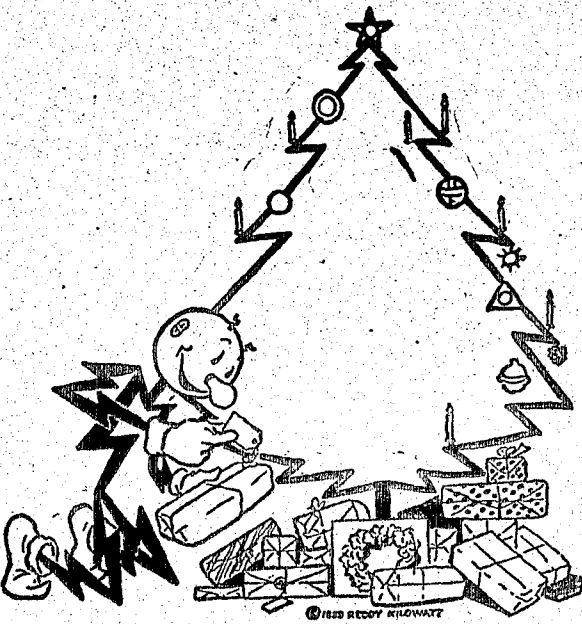
Leaving this continent, we find threshing machines in operation in the Argentine. That country's huge wheat crop will soon be flooding world markets. Weather? Winter furnishes every variety of it!

## Merry Christmas

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## SCHOOL NEWS

FREDERIC SCHOOL English Literature

Beatrice, why don't you turn your column over to Jimmy, who is continually writing articles under your title. He doesn't seem to do bad at all.

Mrs. Madsen didn't seem very anxious about going to basketball practice Wednesday; could it have been that it was her birthday?

We are going to have to part with Miss Rothfuss after Christmas. We hope she isn't going to be a can opener cook.

Who do we hear saying, "Gee Grandma, but you're sweet."

Don't tell anyone, but the girls are wiping their hands on their hips, so they won't use any more paper towels.

The History students have made up their minds that they won't ask Mr. Lee for busy work. He made them draw thirty-two maps.

Who refers to Frederic school days as "good old golden fool days"?

### Primary News

The children in the Primary room are practicing on their dances and they are very much enthused about it.

They also have painted pine cones, silver and gold, and have put them on their Christmas tree.

Mrs. Quick, who is the primary teacher, says she is just about at the end of her rope. She has been very busy with the Christmas program, and we appreciate it very much.

### Lose Debate to Mancelona

The debate with Mancelona was very interesting, although our team lost the debate. Helen Kellogg was not able to be in the debate so James Cram took her place. There was only one judge—Mr. McDonald of Petoskey.

After the debate he gave both of the teams some pointers on debating.

### Basketball

The Junior High played Grayling, Saturday. They lost to them for the third time.

The first team boys didn't play any games last week but they go to Hiram Tuesday to play three games. They are expecting a very hard game.

The third and fourth grades have their Christmas tree up and decorated. They also have their windows decorated. They are going to their party Thursday afternoon and all of the boys and girls expect to see Santa Claus. They have finished their gifts for their mothers and the teachers think that they are very pretty.

The seventh grade are having a movie in their room today, on geography. They had one last week on the largest airport in the world.

The seventh grade are having a Christmas program at school Wednesday and another at the town hall Thursday.

In geometry there aren't many boys and girls who show much progress. They say "It's all Greek to me." If you happen to ask any of them what they are doing in geometry class they say nothing ever happens.

The Home Ec girls made candy Wednesday and Thursday, and this week they are making different kinds and wrapping them in colored paper and they are putting them in boxes for Christmas presents.

The Christmas program given by the entire school was new and interesting. The first part of the program was given over to the development of the Nativity; the 3rd and 4th grade through the high school participated in this. There were several tableaux with the students singing throughout the auditorium.

The second part of the program was "The Toy Shop Dream," given by the kindergarten through the sixth grade. There were several dances and a short play.

Helen Wallace was chairman of our last debate, but debaters found it hard to call her "Miss" instead of "Mr."

The High school girls hope to give the boys the party that they owe them, in the near future. Perhaps this week.

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By GENE ALLEMAN

Lansing—The recent 58 day Chrysler Corp.-C.I.O. strike at Detroit, eclipsing in length the famous Flint sit-down row of 1937, and the possibility of a General Motors tie-up in January when the existing C.I.O. contracts expire have served to focus a spotlight of critical scrutiny on Michigan's new labor mediation board act.

Gov. Luren D. Dickinson recently indicated that the 1939 law was weak in not providing legal means for airing of labor troubles prior to the declaration of a strike and invoking of the subsequent five-day "cooling off" period.

To be sure the price of the Chrysler strike was high in terms of sales lost, for both labor and management had a big stake in that. It has been estimated that the three cents an hour increase in pay granted to Chrysler workers will require five years of future earnings before employees even catch up with their lost wages.

But perhaps more significant to the history of labor in Michigan is the fact that the new Chrysler contract provides for an equivalent of arbitration of grievances through the agency of an appeal board, the decisions of which are to be binding on both management and labor.

**Conciliation Board**  
The original Fitzgerald labor bill has honest-to-goodness teeth. Thirty days' notice to strike was required, for example. A labor code specified what labor could do and what it could not do. Management was told also to toe the line. Sitdown strikes were outlawed.

Opposed by both labor and management, the Fitzgerald plan was stripped of much of its powers by the legislature. The feeling of many legislators was that the bill was prompted chiefly by the Flint sitdown strike. When the United States supreme court ruled the sit-down was illegal, more than one legislator was inclined to shelve the mediation plan and call it a day.

And so when finally a bill was passed, after the senate had whacked and trimmed away much of its authority, the result was a three-man mediation or conciliation board financed with a modest appropriation of \$21,000. It was a nice gesture at least towards fulfilling an administration pledge.

The idea was fairly simple. When labor made up its mind to strike, the state mediation board would intervene to negotiate a settlement during a five-day "cooling period." (Thirty days if in the case of a utility). In one respect the act, by recognizing officially the notice to strike, handed labor a new advantage which it did not previously possess—legal machinery for airing its disputes with management. It is not surprising to note that labor has cooperated almost 100 per cent with the 1939 act, as the records will show.

**Dickinson's Plan**  
Instead of waiting until the horse is stolen before locking the door, Governor Dickinson thinks that the state should act prior to labor's declaration of its intent to strike.

Calling attention to the expiration in January of the General Motors contracts with the C.I.O. United Automotive Union, the governor said: "It would seem to

be good common sense if we could anticipate such a condition instead of following along behind it."

As a matter of fact, the 1939 act empowered the state board to act on its own motion, if authorized by the governor, to head off a threatened labor dispute. The language of Section 10 seems reasonably clear in this respect: "After the board has received the above notice (strike notice) or upon its own motion in an existing, imminent or threatened labor dispute, the board may, and upon the direction of the governor, the board must take such steps as it may deem expedient to effect a voluntary, amicable and expeditious adjustment and settlement of the differences and issues between employer and employee which have precipitated or culminated in or threatened such labor dispute."

Upon direction of the governor the state board thus, in the case of an "imminent" or "threatened" labor dispute, could arrange for conferences between labor and management and otherwise seek a peaceful settlement of troubles prior to any declaration of intent to strike.

In any case, labor possesses its right to strike. This is fundamental.

### Arbitration Plan

Just as the new Chrysler contracts calls for voluntary arbitration of grievances by labor and management, providing both parties can agree upon the third person to preside on the appeal board, the state legislature in Massachusetts set up machinery for voluntary arbitration in its new act for "labor conciliation and arbitration."

The Massachusetts plan provides for conferences by state conciliators. If these efforts fail, then the state board seeks to persuade labor and management to submit voluntarily to arbitration by a local board to be designated by the state board. In advance of the outcome, labor and management both pledge to abide by the arbitration decision for a period of six months or more if so mutually agreed upon.

Again, here is a way to labor peace that is dependent entirely upon cooperation by labor and management. No club is to be used. Both sides merely agree in advance to avoid the barbarism of strike warfare by referring the dispute to a special "court" on which both labor and management have equal representation.

### 104 Cases Pending

The Michigan mediation board, comprising Chairman Arthur E. Raab of Flint, Walter R. Moers of Lansing, and A. C. Lappin of Detroit was given a \$24,000 appropriation by the legislature. Each commissioner draws \$20 a day for services performed with a maximum of \$5,000 in a year. Two conciliators have been engaged: G. Franklin Killen of Flint and Edward M. Owens of Detroit. The secretary is Kingsbury Scott, a former newspaperman.

Realizing that the original appropriation was insufficient to meet needs, the state administration board added \$20,000.

Of the 291 cases on file Dec. 13 (Wed.) 181 were settled without a strike; six others were settled following a strike. A total of 104 cases were pending.

Such is a brief history of the state act to date.

### FORMER GRAYLING GIRL MARRIED

Word has been received in Grayling of the marriage of Helen Elaine McLeod, daughter of Mrs. William Hathaway, of Lansing to Mr. Edward Smith, of Milan, Michigan. The marriage vows were solemnized at Angola, Indiana, Sunday, December 17. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Longthorne of Saline were their attendants. The bride wore an afternoon dress of moss green crepe, with matching accessories, and carried a bouquet of yellow and white baby mums.

Mrs. Smith was born in Grayling and lived here for several years, attending Grayling schools. They will make their home at 703 Emmet St., Ypsilanti, Michigan, and have the best wishes of the bride's many Grayling friends.

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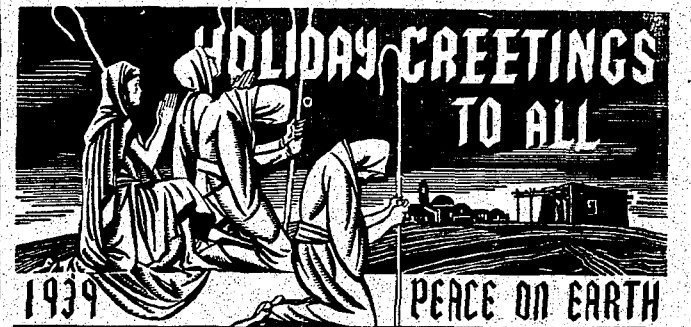


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## MAJOR LEAGUE BALL PLAYERS TO OPEN WINTER SPORTS SEASON HERE.

Our hat's off to the officers of Grayling Winter Sports, Inc. It is obvious that, for them, a big objective requires big planning. The coming winter sports season will be opened with a gathering of big league baseball players, such as never before came to a northern Michigan city within its history. Sixteen stars of the diamond have already been contacted to come here on or about January 6th and 7th and assist in the selection of Grayling's 1939 winter queen. Also to participate in a grand queen's ball befitting the occasion. An outstanding band will be engaged for the occasion.

Selection of the queen and the queen's ball will be held in the school gymnasium.

At 5:30 o'clock that evening there will be a banquet in honor of the visiting baseball stars and newsmen.

On Sunday the players and news men will be at the winter park where there will be a special program of skiing by Alfred E. Orhm, the only native born ski jumping champion in America. Also there will be an outstanding skating team from Detroit.

And there will be contests to determine who will represent Grayling on the saddle ski team this season, and snowshoe races by the baseball players. Winners will be presented Grayling Winter Sports jackets, by P. J. Hoffmaster, director of the State Conservation commission.

That week end—(probably Jan. 6 and 7) is only a beginning of the big show Grayling winter park is going to afford winter enthusiasts this season. Other big attractions will follow thruout the season.

We've got to admit that these men are alert and progressive. They are doing everything they know how to do to give the winter-sports minded public what they desire. This they are bound to do. The next thing is to let the public know what they may expect after they get here.

This baseball players party is one of the steps in the program of letting the public know what we have. The queen's ball will be open to the public, and afford everyone a first hand opportunity of meeting in person the following stars of the baseball diamond:

Jo Jo White, former Tiger centerfielder.

Don French, former Tiger pitcher.

Benny McCoy, Tiger infielder.

Roy Cullenbine, Tiger outfielder.

Barney McCosky, Tiger outfielder.

"Dizzy" Trout, Tiger pitcher.

Pete Fox, Tiger outfielder.

Van Roboys, Pittsburgh pitcher.

Elden Aufer, Boston Red Sox pitcher.

Mike Tresh, Chicago White Sox catcher.

Hal Newhauser, Tiger pitcher.

"Bing" Miller, Tiger coach.

"Wish" Egan, Tiger scout.

Frank Secary, Tiger outfielder.

"Ki Ki" Cuyler, former Pittsburgh Cub outfielder.

And our own "Birdie" Tebbets.

## "UP TO THE PEOPLE"

According to President Roosevelt, it is now up to the people to decide whether increases in national defense expenditures should be met by special taxes or by further governmental borrowings.

The president would have the people decide now that the public debt is close to the \$45,000,000 maximum. The most extravagant administration in the history of the world has spent the billions without consulting the people. Now that the money is gone and the government is prevented by law from borrowing money, the issue is placed back to the people. The people had nothing to say about the billions that have been tossed away, but now that the money is gone it is up to the people to provide more. That is

the illogical position taken by the president.

The situation parallels that of the young blade who squandered his inheritance against the advice of his parents to ask for more money to maintain him in the luxury to which he has become accustomed. He refused the advice of his parents while he was on the spending spree. He asks for advice not on how to reduce expenditures but on how to get more money to continue them.

President Roosevelt should not bear all the blame. A good share of it belongs to a subservient congress which was willing to go along on the greatest spending spree in the history of this or any other nation.

The best national defense that the people of the United States can provide is an emphatic "No" to the present plea for higher taxes or more borrowings which will eventually mean higher taxes or repudiation of government obligations. It is not a fair request to ask the people to decide on where the money for continued extravagance is to come from. There should be the third alternative of deciding whether the money should be provided at all. There should be the alternative of saying, "Cut out this extravagance, stop this waste of funds in building model towns, in building reclamation dams when we already have too much farmland, in building Passamaquoddy tide harnesses and Florida ship canals and we'll have money enough for defense."—Ingham County News, Mason.

## CARL E. MAPES

(By Congressman Roy O. Woodruff).

The Nation, our own State of Michigan, and the Congress have all suffered a loss in the passing of the Honorable Carl E. Mapes—a loss which in some respects is irreplaceable.

The highest tribute to his rugged and steadfast integrity is best attested by the fact that those of his colleagues who had known and served with him longest loved him best, had for him the highest respect, and will feel in the years to come a sense of loss that to them cannot be alleviated regardless of who may succeed him.

Just as his own immediate family can find solace in the kind of a man he was, the kind of life he lived, and the fine unselfish service he rendered his country, so the Michigan delegation in the Congress will always remember with pride the character of service he gave and the example he set for younger and less experienced legislators.

Carl Mapes was a man of deep, quiet and undemonstrative temperament; but just as his nature was deep and quiet, it moved toward what he conceived to be right as a great, deep river moves restlessly to the sea. One of the most beautiful things that can truly be said of our colleague was that when he was convinced he was right nothing could move him from this position. As a legislator, he was cautious without being slow. He was firm without being obstinate, and when he gave his friendship its roots went to the depths of his soul.

Carl Mapes was among the truly great men who have been in the United States Congress, because he was so unassuming, plain, sincere and unpretentious. He was a tower of strength through the troubled years of the depression when he refused to be swept from his ideals of government by either political expediency or emotionalism. He mediated long upon his course, he pondered well his decisions, and when convinced that he was right no amount of organized opposition or persuasion could cause him for a moment to abandon or to compromise with a position which he felt was dictated by stern integrity and duty.

In his quiet way he had a great influence upon his country and his time, particularly in the latter years of his service. In those years of emotionalism and, at times, hysteria, seemed to sway lawmakers as well as the citizens generally, in those times when faith in the future grew dim and faith in Constitutional government seemed worn to a slender thread, Carl Mapes made his imprint and exerted his influence on the side of coolness and sanity. The people will never know and history will not record for posterity the great amount of good he accomplished and the great service he rendered the nation, but his colleagues always will remember, because they know, and so long as they live his friendship, association, and memory will be cherished by them.

I express the heartfelt sentiment of every member of the Michigan delegation in saying that his life and service have entitled our colleague to all that we would have awaiting him in that Realm of Mystery through which he has passed and from which no word comes back. His colleagues, the Congress, his State and his country can ill afford to lose him.

## KELLY EXPLAINS LICENSE PLATE LETTERS

What does GB mean on my license plate? Why are these letters assigned to my county? Why do they differ from letters on the license plates in the next county? These and a dozen similar questions have been recently directed to Harry F. Kelly, Secretary of State.

To remove any remaining doubt regarding the letters appearing on license plates Kelly went to great length to explain the reasons behind the adoption of the new 1940 plate.

"Primarily, the letters are for identification purposes," Kelly said, "but there is a great deal more to it than that. Following a suggestion submitted by leading law enforcement agencies, safety directors and traffic managers we determined to eliminate entirely all license plates bearing six or seven numbers, because a long series of figures is difficult to read, and almost impossible to remember."

"It was decided that two letters and four figures would be a great deal easier to read and remember than any other combination. Further study revealed that the placing of the two letters before the figures instead of in any other position was also conducive of easier reading."

"We were then faced with the problem of devising a code suitable for our own particular requirements. In this most difficult task we were fortunate in securing the services of coding experts who cooperated to the fullest extent in devising a code that is simple, effective and of unlimited scope."

"Our next job was to assign these coded letters to counties. This was done in the one logical way, by assigning letters beginning with AA to the county having the largest automobile registration. Continuing in alphabetical sequence we assigned letters straight through the alphabet to counties in direct ratio to their automobile registration."

The adoption of this system eliminated the possibility of assigning letters "ME" to Mecosta, or "IN" to Ingham for the reason that duplications would result and the plan of uniformity destroyed.



In a recent newspaper I read that the Honorable Secretary of Interior, Mr. Ickes, had made the statement "he wished he had an armored car and could proceed down the highway and knock off some of the trucks on our roads."

What is Mr. Ickes talking about? Doesn't he know that some of the best highway safety records in the country have been developed by fleets of trucks? Doesn't Mr. Ickes know that from 1927 to 1938 the fatal accident rate for trucks decreased 29% and that the number of trucks involved in fatal accidents was 17% lower in 1938 than 1937? Isn't he aware that some of our truck drivers have driven hundreds of thousands of miles without an accident of any kind? Doesn't he know that truck companies and fleet owners are spending thousands of dollars for safety annually and that these dollars are an investment in safe driving? Doesn't he know that the young men on these trucks are devoting a lot of their time to the development of safety records that will be difficult to equal?

It is discouraging to have government officials give an opinion about some type of business when the facts prove just the opposite. This befuddling remark is entirely uncalled for and is direct unjustified criticism of the trucking and transportation industry.

There may be exceptions in certain cases, but certainly the entire industry should not be called on the carpet for one or two individual drivers.

I'm for the trucking industry because of the splendid safety performances their drivers have turned out.



## North Bound Buses

## Daily

4:33 a. m.

1:46 p. m.

## South Bound Buses

## Daily

12:54 p. m.

12:43 a. m.

Ticket Office

Shoppenagons Inn

Phone 3561

**BLUE GOOSE LINES**

## CCC Camp News

## CAMP HARTWICK PINES

Two new oil burners have been installed in the kitchen and are very practical and economical. The cooks now have uniform heat at all times.

Sam Hill, District Adviser, Camp Custer CCC District, was in Camp last Thursday night and Friday forenoon. He was well pleased with the condition of the library and shop and picked out several items to send to Camp Custer next month for exhibition.

Approximately thirty enrollees will spend Christmas with their families and about fifteen will go home for New Years.

Seven men will leave this week at expiration of enrollment: Milo Kittell, Charles Gustafson, Homer Beans, Walter Loper, Theodore Allard, Jacob Schregardus and Thomas Ryan. Our best wishes go with these men and we hope they are very successful.

The mess hall is all dressed up in holiday attire. Mess Steward Vanderwall and his entire staff have worked untiringly to make this one of the best holiday seasons the Company has ever known.

(Too late for last week)

There is to be a Pinocle tournament started in the Camp shortly after the New Year gets under way. We have some real good players and after the elimination contests are over will issue a challenge to the leading team of the American Legion-Mason tournament which we understand is to start in Grayling at about the same time.

Captain Walter A. Maxwell headed a bunch of Legionnaires from camp who attended the regular meeting of the American Legion at Grayling, Monday night December 11th. Enrollees Hari Morgan, Beraho, Harwicz, Wellman and Warner attended. A very peppy meeting was held and a fine time was had by all. Come on you veterans and get lined up and let us make Grayling Post the best little post in the State.

Harry C. Moffett, Educational Adviser; John Deckrow, Handicraft Shop foreman and Harry Wellman, Assistant Educational Adviser, made a flying trip to Petoskey last Friday and purchased a few power tools for the Hobby shop. The boys are turning out some fine work in the shop.

Bert Dekema the camp blacksmith, left Monday night for Detroit where he will enter Ft. Wayne Hospital for treatment of his eye. John Rosenberg left at the same time for Camp Custer where he will enter the Veteran's hospital there.

Orr R. Boyle was busily engaged packing up last night preparatory to his departure for Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, where he will enter the Cooks and Bakers' school. Our best wishes go with him and we hope he comes back prepared to give us the best in pies, cakes, etc.

These snappy mornings make us think Old Man Winter is just around the corner. Come on snow, we need you for winter sports!

The Reverend Father Mahoney will visit the Camp on Tuesday, December 19th, and speak to the Company. The Company always appreciates his visits.

This fine weather has been a boon to those nature lovers in the Company who take long walks. One of these walkers was remarking on the unfortunate plight of snowshoe rabbits which have turned white before the snow came. These little fellows seem to realize their predicament and sit tight rather than make a show of themselves by running.

The library cat is one of the first in the Company to receive a Christmas present. Martin DeGroff presented it with a collar.

Chaplain Samuel held a Christmas carol service in the Camp on the evening of December 12th, and found an excellent response. The boys really sang with all their hearts. The Chaplain and the Educational Adviser sang solos and joined in a duet.

Word has been received from the vicinity of Rapid River, and can be substantiated by Norman Brunet, that: The snowshoe rabbits are so vicious that they kill any ordinary dog. The natives have imported some fast greyhounds. They send these into the brush and when they come dashing out with a rabbit in hot pursuit the hunters kill the rabbits before they can regain cover. Tony Thomas can vouch for this.

Major A. F. White, executive officer, Camp Custer CCC District was in Camp last Friday and made his usual snappy and thorough inspection. He expressed himself as very much pleased with the condition of the Company.

## CAMP HIGGINS LAKE

"Birdie" Tebbets Visits Camp and Talks to Enrollees

George "Birdie" Tebbets, catcher for the Detroit Tigers, visited the camp on Thursday

evening, Dec. 14th, and talked baseball with the enrollees at the company meeting. Birdie visited the camp a year ago and on both occasions received a big ovation from the entire company. The Camp Supervisory personnel and the entire company wish to thank the Grayling Winter Sports committee for making this talk possible, and wish to extend an invitation to Mr. Tebbets to visit the camp often, as he is always welcome.

## "Spikes" Orchestra Entertains Enrollees

On Thursday evening, Dec. 7th, the orchestra from Spike's Keg O' Nails, of Grayling, visited the camp and entertained the company with some excellent music. "Judy" made a big hit with the enrollees with her clever songs and pleasant voice. The company wishes to extend their appreciation to the orchestra for this fine contribution to the entertainment of the enrollees. They will always be welcome at Camp Higgins Lake.

We also wish to thank "Spike" McNeven for making this music possible.

## Athletic News

The Camp basketball team lost a game and won a game during the past two weeks. They beat Camp Kalkaska 26-25 in a thrilling game at the Grayling gym on Dec. 7th. Charles Hinman was the high point getter for the Higgins Lake team.

The basketball team was defeated by the fast Camp Houghton Lake team 26-12, at the Grayling gym on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Camp Houghton Lake lead all the way, and had more reserve strength.

The starting lineup for Camp Higgins Lake was:

Guards: Tregoning and Dizmang; Forwards: Pollard and E. Smith; Center: Hinman. Other players who saw action were McLellan and F. Gellelte.

No games will be played until after the holidays, but Chaplain Fred Harris is organizing a District Athletic League, and the four CCC Area Inspectors will organize basketball schedules within their own areas. Championships will be run off in each area and a tournament will be held at the end of the season to decide a District champion.

## Educational News

Three Eighth grade diplomas were awarded at the company meeting on Dec. 14th. The men who successfully completed the requirements for the Eighth Grade diplomas were: William Hall, Donald Lake, and Howard McArthur. The CCC Eighth Grade diploma is signed by the State Superintendent of Instruction and is valid in all Michigan schools.

The present graduating class worked especially hard for the diplomas, and is to be congratulated on this occasion.

Twenty-nine enrollees were awarded unit certificates for completing a minimum of 12 hours of instruction in various subjects for the period ending Dec. 14th. More unit certificates will be awarded in the month of January as other classes are completed.

The following men have been awarded Proficiency Certificates for the period October 1st to Dec. 31, 1939:

John P. Nicula—Truck driving.

Donald R. Robertson—Truck driving.

John S. Peters—Truck driving.

William F. Morris—Auto repairing.

Linvel I. Meyers—Clerical work.

Arthur W. Rochester—Foremanship.

Eugene R. Johnsick—Foremanship.

Lyle Taylor—Machine operator.

Bernard R. Feldhauser—Map making.

Charles P. Jackson—Map making.

Leander A. Sironen—Map making.

Leo C. Jaroneski—Surveyor's helper.

Basil H. Sweet—Leadership.

Bernard R. Feldhauser—Leadership.

Corlis J. Rang—Leadership.

Fred M. Gillette—Leadership.

Eugene R. Johnsick—Leadership.

Vernon Campbell—Leadership.

Raymond Flahive—Teaching (first aid).

Joseph Velte—Teaching radio.

Andrew P. Rasmussen—Radio operation.

Joseph Velte—Radio operation.

Harold M. Petersen—Mess management.

The Proficiency Certificate is granted to enrollees who demonstrate over extended periods of time approved standards of proficiency in camp jobs or vocations. The camp educational committee, composed of the Company Commander, Project Superintendent and the Educational Adviser, recommend the enrollees who have earned these certificates.

## Enrollees Not Re-Enrolling

Following are the names of enrollees who are leaving camp

## COAL

—you'll need plenty during the holidays

During the Christmas season, nothing is so essential to the cheer, comfort and health of your family and guests as a warm, even temperature in your home.

So, in the rush of shopping, don't forget to order a plentiful supply of coal.

A full coal bin is good health insurance.

## Emil Niederer

ICE, COAL AND -COKE

Dial 3141

in December, and will not return. A number of them have been in Camp for two years or more and we wish them every success in the future:

Budd, Hall, Zaidinski, Hunt, Morris, Young, Anderson, A. Barber, Belzek, A. Chapman, Coon, Elliott, Johnston, Myard, Shinn, Thomas, Jackson, Addison, Davis, Beckett, Parker, Willoughby, Calkins, Furtwangler, Holmes, Kerr, Maciejewski, Madsen, Miller, Miller, Postlewait, Robertson, Ziemba, Hudson.

## THE YEAR'S MOST BEAUTIFUL PAINTINGS

"Home for Christmas" is the title of John Clymer's oil painting, said by many to be the most beautiful of the year. A two-page reproduction of this masterpiece, a size ideal for framing, appears in the colorgravure magazine, This Week, in next Sunday's Detroit News. Watch for this reproduction in full colors, next Sunday.



## STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

In the matter of the estate of Louis Malonen, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that two months from the 21st day of December A. D. 1939, have been allowed for creditors to present their claims against said deceased to said court for examination and adjustment, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said court, at the probate office, in the City of Grayling in said county, on or before the 2nd day of March A. D. 1940 and that said claims will be heard by said court on Monday the 4th day of March A. D. 1940, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated December 15, 1939.  
Charles E. Moore,  
12-21-4 Judge of Probate.

## DINING ROOM SUITE FOR SALE

Sale. Dining table, buffet, and six leather seated chairs. All in excellent condition. Phone 3121. Mrs. Oscar Schumann.

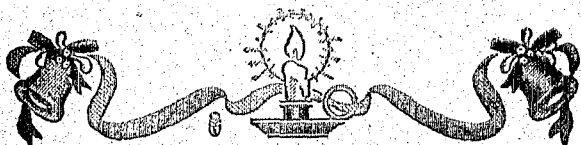
FOR SALE—Piano and bench. Inquire at Avalanche office.

## Streamliners of Road and Rail



"YOU can't beat the Mercury," says this pretty miss, and Engineer R. L. Lorr agrees. Lorr has just completed a test run with the new streamlined "Mercury" train recently placed in service by the New York Central System between Detroit and Chicago. The "Mercury" will make the run in four hours, forty-five minutes, or at an average speed of more than a mile a minute, including five stops. Lorr's "Mercury" takes considerably more muscle and skill to handle, the young lady admits, than her new Mercury 8 with finger-tip gearshift on steering column and improved hydraulic brakes. But thirty-five years in the cab have given the veteran engineer a master touch on throttle and air, enabling him to draw that smooth and flashing performance from his train which make this Mercury streamliner and the Mercury car akin in brilliant action.





Wishing You A Merry Christmas

## Have Your Car Tested Free

Wouldn't you like to know just how your car is functioning? It will pay you to do so.

Bring in your car any time between now and Christmas and an expert will test it out for you, absolutely Free.

## Schoonover Garage

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## LOCALS

THURSDAY, DEC. 21, 1939

See the bargains on bran new women's dress shoes at Olsons.

Verna Belle Elliott is in Mercy hospital recovering from an appendectomy she submitted to recently.

For Christmas goodies, visit the bake sale at Connine's Grocery Saturday, given by the ladies of St. Mary's church.

The customary Christmas dinner at Shoppenagons Inn will be served from 12:00 o'clock until 2, and from 5:30 until 10:00 o'clock, Monday.

Santa Claus is taking his daily walks and every time we see him he has a crowd of kiddies following him, their faces beaming with smiles. Some of them are giving him orders for what they would like on Christmas.

Senator Chet Howell of Saginaw and family enjoyed a beef-steak dinner at Recreation club Sunday. At the same time they selected a fine Christmas tree that will brighten the Howell home during the yuletide.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kurtz of Alpena announce the birth of a son, Robert John, born to them Wednesday, December 13, at McRae hospital. Mrs. Kurtz was formerly Eleanor Austin, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. John D. Austin.

Kenneth Clise Jr., the 6 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Clise, received a fractured leg Thursday evening while sliding down hill on his sled. Another little boy on a sled ran into him from behind. He was immediately taken to Mercy hospital.

We have a complete line of Hickok guaranteed products at Olsons.

The Grayling Chapter of the O. E. S. are having their Christmas party Thursday, December 28, at the Masonic Temple. Members can bring a guest and each person attending is to bring a gift, as there will be a tree and exchange of presents. Each member please bring either cake or sandwiches.

The Moose basketball team was victorious in a game played with Cadillac Saturday night on the latter's floor by a score of 42 to 38. Don Smock and Keith Bowen were high score men for the evening. Tonight the team goes to Roscommon to play the Ramblers, and a good game is expected.

McGregor sport shirts and sweaters make fine gifts. See them at Olsons.

Mickey Fletcher had the misfortune to lose his grasp on an axe with which he was chopping wood, and the blade struck him in the head cutting a gash that took two clamps to close.

Thursday, December 14, the Rebekah Lodge held initiation and had as their guests the Kalkaska Lodge. The initiatory work was nicely done. The evening closed with a nice supper served.

Dining Room Suite for sale. Dining table, buffet and 6 leather seated chairs. All in excellent condition. Phone 3121. Mrs. Oscar Schumann.

The new office for the Bureau of Social Aid has been opened in the basement of the court house. This department will have charge of the work for old age assistance, aid to the blind and aid to dependent children. The office will be open for interviews Mondays and Fridays from 1:30 to 4:00 p. m. Mrs. Laura Olson is the supervisor.

Children's Red-top boots. Just in time for Christmas, at \$1.65. at Olsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hemming, who were married in Detroit Saturday came to Grayling hoping as part of their honeymoon to enjoy some skiing at the Winter Sports Park, bringing their skills with them. They were disappointed as there was no snow, however they are remaining for a few days and making their headquarters at Shoppenagons inn.

About fifty members attended the holiday party given by the American Legion and Auxiliary at the hall Saturday night. Dancing was the pastime, with oldtime quadrilles pleasing most of the crowd. Besides other yuletide decorations there was a Christmas tree and each member brought a gift to place underneath it. These were left in their wrappings and will be given out to children of Legionnaires at a party to be held at the hall Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 27. A pot luck lunch was enjoyed with the table decorated in evergreens and lighted red and green candles.

## Personals

Alex Atkinson spent Monday in Bay City on business.

Patsy Hope Heric spent the week end visiting Aileen Anthony at Fletcher.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brown attended the funeral of a sister-in-law in Augres Wednesday.

Some paintings and numerous picture frames of all kinds and sizes for sale—Mrs. Marie Jensen.

John Henry Peterson is home from his studies at Michigan State College enjoying the holiday vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Green are spending a couple of days visiting some friends in Thompsonville, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cliff will leave Sunday to spend Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wescott in Ypsilanti.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Story and grandson Donald, of Elmira, spent Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lydell.

Mrs. Nels Olson is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Constance Brown, of New York City over the holidays.

Mrs. George Kudzen of Detroit spent the week end visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Jensen.

Mrs. Don Sweeney, Mrs. Bernard Brady, Mrs. Alfred Sorenson and Mrs. Nels Olson spent Friday in Traverse City.

Kenneth Clise, who is employed with the Tri-County Telephone Company at Vanderbilt, spent Saturday visiting his family here.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Kantzler and daughter Betsy, and Miss Onita Compau, of Bay City were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Heribson.

Mrs. Agnes Defrain received word that her sister Mrs. Jack Miller of Ocoquoc is very ill in a Petoskey hospital following an operation.

Miss Jean Peterson is home from M. S. C., Lansing and Miss Beatrice from C. S. T. C., Mt. Pleasant to enjoy the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Peterson.

Thomas Brennan and son William of Saginaw visited at the B. J. Callahan home Sunday. They had been at their hunting cabin between Frederic and Waters hunting rabbits.

Miss Virginia and William Nelson of Grand Rapids will come next Tuesday to accompany Miss Mary Gretchen Connine to their home, where she will be a guest over New Year's.

Mrs. Leo Purvis spent a few days last week in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Esbern Hanson spent the first of the week in Detroit on business.

M. T. Younkon of Detroit was in Grayling on business a couple of days last week.

Bill Joseph is home from Cleary College, Ypsilanti, to spend the Christmas holidays.

Edwin Chalker a student at W. S. N. C., Kalamazoo, is spending the holidays visiting his parents.

J. L. Martin and son Edward spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Cheboygan and St. Ignace on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar A. Murray of Detroit are visiting friends here for several days, guests at Shoppenagons Inn.

Misses Alberta Knibbs and Marian Skingley, who attend the Lewis-Chapin Business College in Traverse City are home for the holiday vacation.

Mrs. Carl Kriepke left Sunday for Detroit to remain over the holidays visiting her children and other relatives. Mr. Kriepke will join her for Christmas.

Hickok belts and suspenders make inexpensive gifts. See them at Olsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Heribson and son Robert are leaving Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays in Bay City.

Kathryn Dunham spent Saturday and Sunday of last week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Hanna, in Frederic.

A. Courtney, of Lansing, was the guest of Miss Shirley Glenn, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Loper for the week end.

Ben Proper and Claude Bissonette of Flint spent the week end visiting at the home of the latter's brother, Ernest Bissonette and family.

Dorothy Swanson expects to leave Friday to spend the Xmas holidays visiting her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coulter, in Grand Rapids.

Miss Pauline Entsminger and Wilfred Robarge of the local office attended a meeting of the Michigan Public Service Co. at Cheboygan, Thursday evening.

Miss Elaine McDonnell of C. S. T. C., Mt. Pleasant, has arrived home to spend the holiday vacation and is assisting at the Ben Franklin store during the Xmas rush.

Dale Penny, who has been a patient at University Hospital, Ann Arbor for quite some time, arrived home Wednesday of last week to spend the holidays with his family.

Miss Virginia Kraus, of U. of D., Detroit, and Emil Kraus of U. of M., Ann Arbor, are spending their Christmas and New Year holidays visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Kraus.

Miss Marie LaMotte is home for the holiday vacation from C. S. T. C., Mt. Pleasant, where she is preparing herself for a teacher. She is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank LaMotte.

Mrs. Hugh Connors and children stopped in Grayling during the week end and visited her mother Mrs. Agnes Defrain. They were enroute from Topinabee to Lansing to spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Esbern Olson, and son Ebbe, Mr. and Mrs. Nels Olson, Mrs. Constance Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wood and children, and Mrs. Ellen Failing will spend Christmas in Bay City with Miss Margaret Failing.

Reduced prices on many styles of womens and big girls dress slippers at Olsons.

Henry Jordan returned home Saturday after a weeks' visit with relatives in Melvor. He was accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. John Jordan and son Gerry and Matt Jordan who spent the week end visiting here.

Mr. and Mrs. Devere Benware of Vanderbilt spent Saturday visiting relatives here. Mr. Benware is employed with the Tri-County Telephone Company and at present they are installing the dial system at Vanderbilt.

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Pajamas  
Leather and Wool  
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Slippers**

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Slippers  
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And hundreds of other Gifts to choose from

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The Quality Store

Dial 2251

Hosiery and house slippers. Easy to buy gifts at Olsons.

Mrs. Blanche Hull has rented a small living apartment at the B. J. Callahan rooming house and moved in Monday.

Edward Martin of C. S. T. C., Mt. Pleasant has arrived home for the holidays. He had as his guest Saturday Roy Jackson of Hillman, a classmate.

Girl wanted for general house work. Phone 3321.

Nice fat pullets for your Xmas and New Year's dinners. Charles Corwin.

Mrs. E. Berry of Indian River was a guest of her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Marius Hanson, for a few days. Mrs. Berry left Tuesday night to spend the winter in the South.

### Public Notice

Beginning Dec. 12, I will be at the Town hall every Tuesday and Saturday thereafter, until Jan. 10, to collect township taxes. Clare Madsen, Treas. Grayling Twp.

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## Grayling Greenhouses

Grayling, Mich.

Dial 3716



Santa will have a toy in his bag for every boy and girl in the State if the Michigan National Youth Administration and a number of co-sponsors have anything to say about it. Youth workers in the NYA are busy in work centers throughout the state, as in the Saginaw Work Center pictured above, painting, repairing and refinishing toys that

are collected through the untiring efforts of such organizations as the Goodfellows, the Junior Dorcas, the American Legion, Kiwanis Clubs, Lions, Rotary Clubs, and many others. Hundreds of toys will be distributed to needy children through the work of the NYA and these sponsors at Christmas.



## Sponsoring Health Lectures Week Jan. 2

Women of Crawford county will have an opportunity to attend a series of free health classes during the next three weeks upon the general subject of maternal and child hygiene. The groups will be addressed by Dr. Emily L. Ripka, lecturer for the Michigan Department of Health. The township Child health league is sponsoring the lectures here.

The series will start the week of January 3, and will continue at the same time and place for two succeeding weeks. The following centers will have an opportunity to hear Doctor Ripka at the Grayling School and Fred-eric Town hall.

The subjects to be discussed at the three meetings include:

1. January 3—"Our body and how it functions." "How life begins and the care of the expectant mother."

2. January 10—"Communicable Diseases, their prevention and control."

3. January 17—"The challenge of cancer." "The menopause or change of life."

In the first lecture of "Our body and how it functions," there will be a practical discussion of human anatomy and the physiology of the important systems of the body.

First, "How Life Begins" and a film on prenatal care is shown. This film was prepared at Harper Hospital, Detroit, under the supervision of the Maternal Health Committee of the Michigan State Medical Society.

In the second lecture the cause and prevention of communicable diseases and the newer immunization methods will be discussed.

The Michigan Tuberculosis Association will show a sound picture on tuberculosis. The third talk takes up the cancer problem and life after forty, and is illustrated by slides.

The series, sponsored by the local health department and Michigan Department of Health, offers an excellent opportunity for women to gain the basic knowledge of modern maternal and child hygiene. Doctor Ripka accompanies her talks with considerable illustrative material—charts, maps, and posters in addition to the motion pictures and lantern slides.

Each member of the classes receives an outline. An opportunity is given for an open discussion of individual problems following each talk and women are encouraged to bring questions to class.

Meetings will be held at the Grayling High school at 7:30 p. m. The Fred-eric Town hall at 2:00 p. m.

**OBSERVED GOLDEN WEDDING, SUNDAY**

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh S. Oaks observed their golden wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon at a family dinner at their home, 1225 Avenue B, in Flint. The Oaks were married in Grayling Dec. 14, 1889, by the Rev. C. E. Hill and made their home here before moving to Flint 27 years ago. Mr. Oaks, who had been a painter and decorator for 35 years, was born in Genesee county and Mrs. Oaks, the former Bertha Wilcox, was born in Hillsdale county.

They have four children, Harry and Herbert, Flint; Ralph and Ruby, west of Ohio; one great grandson and eight grandchildren.

Grayling friends extend congratulations and trust they may have many more years of wedded happiness.

**GRAYLING DANISH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Sunday, December 24**  
9:30 a. m.—Sunday School.  
11:00 a. m.—Danish services.  
5:00 p. m.—Christmas eve service in Danish language.

**December 25th**  
11:00 a. m.—English services.  
**December 26th**  
7:30 p. m.—Sunday school Christmas program at Danebod hall.  
P. C. Stockholm, Pastor.

**Public Notice**  
**COUNTY AND SCHOOL TAXES DUE**

I will be in my office in the City Hall from December 1st to January 19th for the collection of county and school taxes.

There will be no penalty if paid by January 10th.

FLORENCE BUTLER, City Treasurer.

Gasoline and Kerosene  
Neither gasoline nor kerosene is a chemical individual. Therefore, neither has a chemical formula.

## Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

Thursday, December 21, 1916

Leo Schram is assisting in the Postoffice during the holiday rush. Mrs. Paul Ford of Detroit is visiting relatives and friends here over Christmas.

E. S. Streeter left Thursday of last week for Durand to accept a position as filer in one of the mills there.

Lowell Fox and wife returned to Grayling Wednesday from Florida, where they had been for the past year.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Campbell arrived here Thursday from Mt. Pleasant to spend the holidays with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hanson.

Mrs. Ann Lauvenia Ellen Penn, wife of John W. Penn passed away at her home at Pere Cheney Thursday November 23. The funeral was held Sunday from the home, Rev. Terhune of Fred-eric officiating. The remains were laid to rest in Elmwood cemetery, Grayling. She leaves to mourn her passing besides her husband, six sons and one daughter.

George Brott left Tuesday night for Tekonsha where he will spend the winter.

Mrs. Ervin Hodge of Detroit came Monday to visit her parents and friends over the holidays. Mr. Hodge will arrive later.

Dr. S. N. Insley underwent a slight operation on his throat at Mercy Hospital the forepart of the week, and was confined to the hospital for a couple of days.

DeVere Burgess and family left Tuesday for Lansing to spend the holidays visiting his parents, who reside there.

Esbern Olson is putting in a shoe repair shop in the store building recently vacated by Mrs. Crowley's millinery store. He says that everything will be done by machinery and that work will be done while we wait, and that the plant will be complete in every detail.

Among those who are attending educational institutions and colleges from out of the city, the following have already arrived to enjoy the holiday vacation: Miss Clara Nelson and Leora Ellisworth, Ypsilanti Normal; Helen Bingham, Southern Seminary, Buena Vista, Virginia.

Arthur McIntyre and Tony Nelson have bought out the Fischer vulcanizing shop. Mr. McIntyre will leave soon for Akron, Ohio, where he will take a full course in tire repairing. They expect to be open for business about March 1st.

Theodore Leslie of the 31st Michigan Infantry, now stationed at Camp Cotton, El Paso, Texas, arrived here Tuesday. Mr. Leslie secured a 30 day furlough, and came to spend the holidays with his wife, who has been making her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Christofferson at Beaver Creek. Mrs. Leslie before her marriage was Miss Ingeborg Christofferson.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gillette moved into their fine new home on Chesnut street Tuesday. The workmen have not quite finished the downstairs decorating. This is one of the new, modern homes built here this season, and has many features and conveniences that add greatly to its comfort and beauty.

Floyd McClain has accepted a position at the M. C. yard office, commencing his duties Monday morning.

The first cold spell of the season came Thursday night when the thermometer registered ten degrees below zero.

Misses Florence and Ruby Stephan, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George Stephan, are in Troy,

Ohio to spend the holidays.

John D. Brown, an ex-soldier and father of Andrew Brown of Frederic, passed away very suddenly at the home of his son Tuesday of this week. The remains were taken to Lapeer for burial.

Mrs. Wm. Pobur and little daughter Nadine, of Detroit, arrived Saturday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Petersen over the holidays. Mr. Pobur will arrive Saturday to spend Christmas here.

Miss Elsa Charlotte Salling of this city, and Mr. John Wallace Pettit of Detroit, were united in marriage at the home of the groom's parents, in Detroit Friday, December 15. Mrs. Pettit is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Salling of this city. She was born in Grayling and has made her home here since birth. Mr. Pettit lived here with his parents for many years. It was during their school days that the young people became acquainted. Mr. Pettit is at present a book-keeper with a firm in Detroit, where the young couple will make their home.

**School Notes**  
(23 Years Ago)

Ruth Shellanbarger has left school and is working in Lansing.

We are all to observe Christmas Friday afternoon. The first grade and the sixth grade will each have a tree. Appropriate programs will be rendered. We are indebted to Mr. Fehr, Mr. Robinson, and Tony Nelson for providing the beautiful trees.

**Fred-eric School Notes**  
(23 Years Ago)

The "Man from Borneo" will be given at the opera house Monday night, December 25. Cast of characters are as follows: Borneo B. Binns, from South Sea—Harry Reynolds; Fred Binns, his down-trodden nephew—Lila and Smock; Captain Wright, of the Philippine army—Clyde McDermald; Peter, sleepy servant—Arthur Callahan; Wild Man, from Borneo—Glen Cram; Olive, Fred's wife—Jessie Reynolds; Lizzie Dayton, her former chum—Flora Malco; Aunt Drusilla—Celia Callahan.

An oratorical society has been organized in the high school. The members giving the best oration will receive \$5.00.

The school was closed all day Tuesday because of repairs to the furnace.

**MICHELSON MEMORIAL CHURCH**

On Friday evening at seven, our Bible School program will be given. The young folks have worked hard to prepare for it and you should be present to hear them.

**Next Sunday Services**  
10:00 a. m.—Bible School.  
11:00 a. m.—Morning Worship.  
2:30 p. m.—The Christmas Cantata.

Our choir under the direction of Mrs. Clippert, have prepared diligently for weeks and they are offering the public a genuine treat. Some seventy voices will be heard in the combined choir and we are fortunate to have this organization in our community. Everybody is invited.

Mr. Noa, violinist from Gaylord, will accompany and give a couple of solo numbers.

H. W. Kuhlman, Pastor.

**Palatial Disappearance Act**  
The palace at Herrenchiemsee, which probably has the most sumptuous rooms in the world, has a novel dumbwaiter on which the dining-room table rests. Press a button, and the table disappears below; when the dishes are changed, the next course rises with the table.

## IT'S AN OLD HOLIDAY CUSTOM!

JUST as much a part of the holiday season as the traditional sprig of mistletoe is that familiar bottle of Pfeiffer's. For more than fifty years, our millions of friends have been toasting the season with the mellow goodness of this downright satisfying beer.

So come fill your glasses! Offer a toast to good fellowship. Sip of the flavor that has made Pfeiffer's famous. We know you'll like it. And it's always exactly the same dependable beer. Remember—when you order for the holidays, ask for Pfeiffer's and please everybody!

PFEIFFER BREWING CO., DETROIT, MICH.

3 WAYS TO ENJOY "FIFERS" BEER

1. STANDARD 12-OUNCE BOTTLE. Here's the familiar full 12-ounce bottle which you have always bought.
2. ECONOMICAL 32-OUNCE JUMBO. A grand party-size bottle for occasions when you're going to use a lot of beer.
3. NEW 12-OUNCE "NO-DEPOSIT" BOTTLE. No troublesome deposits, no returns, no storing of empties. Just enjoy the beer and throw away the bottle. Comes in handy 12-bottle cartons.

"FIFER-KAP" NEEDS NO OPENER

YEAR IN — — YEAR OUT — — ALWAYS THE SAME GRAND BEER

## LOCALS

THURSDAY, DEC. 21, 1939

Tomorrow (Friday) Dec. 22, will be the shortest day of the year.

Lester Aldrich of Houghton Lake is the new mechanic at Schoonover's Garage and Service Station.

"Birdie" Tebets left Wednesday for his home in Nashua, New Hampshire to spend Christmas with his mother and sister.

Prof. and Mrs. Gerald Pocr will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in Eaton Rapids and other places.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Randolph and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. William Randolph spent Tuesday in Bay City visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barber.

The Grayling Cafe will be closed all day Christmas to enable the proprietors and their families to spend the day with relatives in Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. William Randolph spent Saturday visiting the Charles Durfee family in Rose City, and Sunday visited the Carlton Durfees in Mio.

Now in the hands of more than 2,000 dealers, in time for them to be used as Christmas gifts to confirmed anglers, are a million 1940 Michigan fishing licenses. Three quarters of them are the \$1 resident permits. Donors must know the color of the eyes of the person for whom the license is intended, as well as the color of hair, age, height and weight.

Winter isn't nigh, it's here, and no doubt to stay. You wouldn't believe it Monday though as it was like a spring day with a beautiful bright sun in the sky and the thermometer registering 50 above. It looked then as though we would be having a green Christmas but Tuesday night there were snow flurries and they continued intermittently Wednesday until that evening when it ripened into a blizzard. Not a great deal of snow fell, but the thermometer says 20 above and although the sun is shining it is not warm enough to melt it. Friday, the 15th, the temperature fell to 12 above.

## SCHOOL NEWS

GRAYLING SCHOOL

Recently, through the courtesy of Mr. McDonnell and the employees of the local Postoffice, the 8th grade arithmetic class were allowed to take a trip through the Postoffice.

The various departments were shown to the students and the functions of each were explained. All in all it was an interesting and instructional experience and the students are very grateful for the courtesy extended to them.

Christmas vacation for the students of Grayling schools will begin at dismissal Friday, Dec. 22. School will begin again Wednesday, Jan. 3rd.

Dining Room Suite for sale. Dining table, buffet and 6 leather seated chairs. All in excellent condition. Phone 3121. Mrs. Oscar Schumann.

**Grange Notes**

The dinner and bake sale given by the Grange members Dec. 9, was a success, and was well attended. A nice sum was added to the building fund.

The committees want to thank the members and others for their liberal donations; also a lot of hard work.

There are several dishes still out that were taken from the sale. Will those having them please return to Mrs. Florence Wakeley's home so the members can get them for the next meeting, which will be January 6th. It will be an evening meeting and all members please be present. Meeting will call at 8 sharp.

The last meeting Dec. 16, found a good crowd present. The new officers were in their chairs and taking over their duties. A pot luck dinner was enjoyed at noon. Pot luck lunch will be served next meeting also.

**FOR RENT**—Furnished apartment with private bath. Mrs. George Sorenson. Dial 4237.

**FOR SALE**—Three good milch cows; two to freshen soon. F. Jewell, 4 1/2 miles east of Fred-eric. 12-21-1

## Health & Hygiene

(Through the courtesy of The Detroit News, Children's Fund of Michigan and the W. K. Kellogg Foundation)

**New Whooping Cough Vaccine Provided**

Whooping cough will be on the defensive in Michigan as a result of the development by the State Health Department laboratories of a new vaccine for its prevention, according to Dr. H. Allen Moyer, commissioner.

The new vaccine is being made available free to physicians this week at distributing stations throughout the state. Dr. Moyer urged all physicians to make use of this new preventive immediately on as wide a scale as possible. A supply is now available to meet all expected demands.

Whooping cough, known to the medical profession as pertussis, is considered one of the most dangerous diseases of early childhood. It causes more than 100 deaths annually, taking more lives of children under ten than diphtheria and scarlet fever. Children under two years of age are especially susceptible. Health officials and doctors recommend that children be protected against whooping cough between the ages of three and six months.

The new vaccine has been released only after months of research and experimentation under the direction of Dr. Pearl Kendrick, head of the Department's Western Michigan Division Laboratory at Grand Rapids. Results of 44 months of field tests

with the vaccine have indicated its value in the prevention of whooping cough.

## DIRECTORY

**Drs. Keyport & Clippert**  
Dr. Keyport Dr. Clippert  
**PHYSICIANS and SURGEONS**  
Office Hours—2 to 4; 7 to 8 p. m.  
Sundays by appointment.

**DR. J. F. COOK**  
Dentist  
HOURS—9:00 A. M. to 12 Noon.  
1:00 to 5:00 P. M.  
Evenings by appointment.  
Phone 2231  
Located in Old Bank Building

**MAC & GIDLEY**  
**REGISTERED PHARMACISTS**  
Phones  
2171 and 2181 Grayling

**Grayling State Savings Bank**

Bank Money Orders. Interest paid on deposits. Collections and general banking business. Phone 3636.

8 to 11:30 A. M. 1 to 3 P. M.  
Margrethe L. Nielsen,  
Cashier.

**ALBERT J. REHKOPF**  
Peninsular Avenue, opposite new Postoffice site.

**PLUMBING AND HEATING**  
Repair work given prompt attention. "A Step Ahead in Quality; A Step Behind in Price."  
Phone: Office 2681

## Dr. W. B. NEWTON

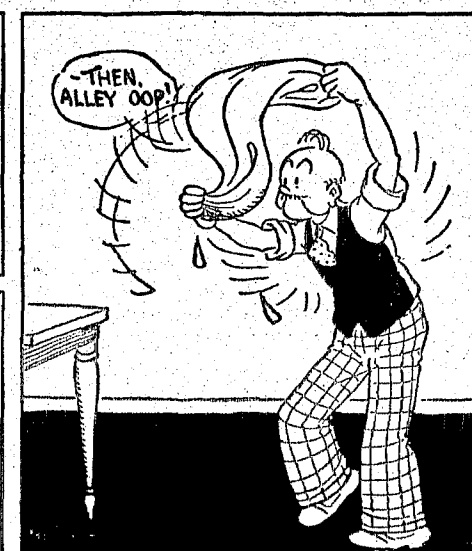
EYE, EAR, NOSE and THROAT SPECIALIST of Alpena

GRAYLING DATES:

**Jan. 8th and 22nd**

Office Completely Equipped in Dr. Stealy and Dr. Cook Offices.

Appointments can be made with Drs. Keyport & Clippert or Dr. S. Stealy.







Merry Christmas to you—our friends, neighbors and customers. We gladly join with others whose privilege it has been to serve you in sending our heartiest holiday greetings!

**Northern Pepsi-Cola Distributing Co.**  
Leonard L. Burr, Prop'r.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May your journey through the coming year be a happy one and lead pleasantly into the broad highway of health and contentment.

**Norman E. Butler**  
Grayling Funeral Home



May boundless holiday cheer be yours during this glorious Christmas season. To our friends and customers, whose numbers are ever-increasing, we express our appreciation for your loyalty.

**Maple Hill Dairy**  
Alfred Hummel and Son



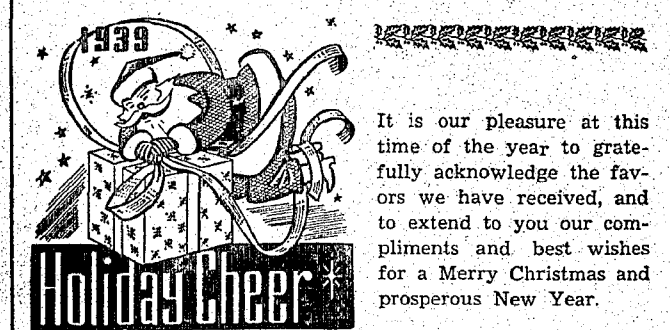
As 1939 draws to its end, we add our voices to the ever-swelling chorus of "Merry Christmas to you all!"

**Olson's Shoe Store**  
E. J. Olson, Prop'r.



Here's to Christmas! May it bring you peace, joy and happiness. That is our sincere wish for you and yours.

**Mac's Hamburger Bar**



It is our pleasure at this time of the year to gratefully acknowledge the favors we have received, and to extend to you our compliments and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

**Burrows Market**



## Winter Sports Schedule For 1940

The Grayling Winter Sports Park will operate as follows until further notice:

The Park will be open for public use every afternoon and evening, except Mondays, for ice skating and skiing.

The toboggan slide will operate on Wednesday evenings, Saturday afternoons and evenings until 12:00 p. m. All day Sunday until 8:00 p. m.

The above, however, will be governed by weather conditions.

**Membership in the Grayling Winter Sports, Inc., will cost \$5.00.** This membership includes the parents and all dependent children irrespective of age. The membership includes, entrance to park, skating, skiing and free use of the toboggan slide when it is operating.

**Non-Members—**Admission to park 25c, which permits skating or skiing. Toboggan rides will be 5c per person per slide on week days and 10c per person per slide on Sundays.

**School Children** will be admitted to the park free on all days except Sundays when the regular admittance charge will be made.

**Skiing—**Alfred E. Orhm, the only American-born Class A ski jump champion, winning this championship in 1925, will be employed at the park this winter and will give skiing lessons. There will be a charge for each lesson, the amount to be determined when Mr. Orhm arrives here. Any adults wishing to take these lessons will contact C. Johnson at the Johnson furniture store. We would like to organize a ski club so if interested we would appreciate having you notify us of your intentions as soon as possible. There will be a ski tow installed at the park this year. We would also like a club organized in our school. Skiing is one of the most fascinating of outdoor sports and with the assistance of Mr. Orhm, one of America's leading skiers, we should develop some No. 1 performers here in Grayling. Two ski jumps will be constructed next summer at the park.

**Skating—**Our park, when completed, will have two of the largest and finest skating rinks in the country. The large general rink will be 637 feet in length by 337 feet in width, which channels off into an exhibition rink 200 x 400 feet. This latter mentioned rink will be the only one used this season due to the lack of proper equipment to maintain the larger one.

We are negotiating at present with a skating instructor who will be at our park one day each week to give skating lessons. He will be a first class instructor and can render a valuable service to many of our local skaters. There will be a charge for these lessons. The price will be published later. Those interested in taking these lessons kindly notify Mr. Johnson.

The Winter Sports Inc. have gone to a great deal of expense to put Grayling on the front page this year. "Birdie" has been out on the road for the last three weeks, making personal appearances in Bay City, Saginaw and Detroit and has built up a program that will set us out so far in front that there will be no runners-up. We will give you further information on coming events in next week's issue of the Avalanche.

We urge again all people operating tourist rooms or having cabins to rent during the winter months to register same at Johnson's Furniture Store.

## The Enlarged Social Security Act

The enlarged Social Security Act considers the family as a unit, whereas the original plan provided for payment of monthly benefits only to individual workers who retired at the age 65 or thereafter. This explanation of amended old-age and survivors insurance program was given today by W. Scott Hamlin, Manager of the Social Security Board Field Office in Traverse City.

"Under the original program only the worker himself could get monthly benefits, and then after a minimum of five years service in employment covered

by the Social Security Act," Mr. Hamlin said.

"Under the new program a worker may retire in 1940 instead of in 1942 as originally provided. If the worker has a wife over 65 his benefits will be increased 50 per cent through supplemental benefits to which the wife will be entitled.

"If an insured worker dies his aged widow, after January 1, 1940, may receive a widow's benefit amounting to 75 per cent of the benefit to which her husband would have been entitled at the time of his death. Benefits also are provided for widows with dependent children and for dependent children of insured workers who die.

"The Social Security Board is now ready to receive claims for benefits, payment of which will

start in January, 1940," Mr. Hamlin said.

## In the Editor's Mail

Friday, Dec. 8, 1939  
Frederic, Mich.

Dear Mr. Schumann:

I am so glad that you let us come in your printing office. We like to see the things in your office. We are so happy you let us bother you. We are so glad you let us see your machinery.

I am coming to see you when you aren't so busy. It was a very interesting visit. We all enjoyed the things you showed us. I enjoyed the Baby Ruth.

Good bye,  
Your friend,  
Warren Bindschattel.



Christmas is here again with its good fellowship and good will, so we take this opportunity to express our appreciation of your evidences of friendship to us, and to wish you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

**Grayling Dairy Company**  
Amos Hunter, Prop'r.



May the companionship of friends at Christmas time be as warm and comforting as the firelight of the Yuletide log.

**Albert J. Rehkopf**

Plumbing and Air Conditioning.

Dial 2681



We deck our homes with happiness  
And trim our halls with holly.  
We add a wish for your success  
To make the Christmas jolly.

**Johnson Furniture Co.**  
Dial 2481



May all the joys of a glorious Christmas be the good fortune of our many friends and patrons.

**EMIL KRAUS**



BEST CHRISTMAS WISHES

Royal Crown Cola  
Nehi  
and  
Par-T-Pak

**Nehi Bottling Co.**  
Carl W. Peterson, Prop'r.



We join in wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and in expressing to you our sincere thanks and appreciation for your valued patronage.

**Rasmussen Lumber Co.**

Samuel Rasmussen, Proprietors Joseph Kernosky



# Merry Christmas

## Crawford



## Avalanche

Christmas 1939



### Best Wishes

To one and all we send our very best wishes for a Christmastide rich in contentment and pleasure and affectionate companionship. May this Christmas be the most enjoyable one you've ever had!

**Grayling Bakery**

Charles Melichar, Prop'r.



### Greetings!

In grateful appreciation of your patronage we extend our heartfelt wishes for your complete enjoyment of the holiday!

**Shoppenagons Inn**

Mrs. Thomas Cassidy, Prop'r.



Once again another Christmas season has arrived . . . and again we, the merchants listed on this page, have an opportunity to tell our friends, our customers in this community, that we wish them the merriest Christmas they have ever had. We wish we could visit each one of you to greet you personally . . . to tell you how much we appreciate your patronage, your goodwill, and

your unfailing courtesy—but since this is impossible, we are using this page as a means of expressing our sentiments. Though the ads may not be large, the spirit behind them is—every member of the management and sales force of these stores sincerely wish you and yours the merriest Christmas ever, and a Happy New Year.

### Many Happy Returns of the Day!

Christmas would not be complete for us if we failed to extend our sincerest best wishes to our many friends and customers!



**CONNINE'S GROCERY**

Dial 3351



### The Herald Angels Sing

—And again the Christmas holiday is here. With sincere good wishes for your happiness, we extend to you our heartfelt greetings!

**Callahan Service Station**

Dial 3641

### A SMALL AD



But the sentiment we are trying to express in it is a large quantity, for we wish every one of our hundreds of customer-friends a very merry Christmas.

**BLACKIE'S TAVERN**

Orel Levan, Prop'r.

### On Christmas Day:

We extend to you our sincerest wishes for your complete enjoyment of the good things that only this day can bring . . .

**The MILLS JEWELERS**

### Our Very Best Wishes!

For Christmas!

May you and yours enjoy all the enjoyment that this merriest of holidays can bestow!



For New Year's

May you and yours enjoy a full measure of health, wealth, and happiness on this day!

**Lietz Tailors and Cleaners**

Dial 2331

A Joyous and Merry Christmas!



That's our wish for you and yours during this most happy of seasons!

A Happy, Prosperous New Year!

**Maureen Shoppe**

### Wishing You A Merry Christmas

FULL of good HEALTH, good CHEER, and good FORTUNE . . . and friendly COMPANIONSHIP!

**GRAYLING RESTAURANT**

Frank Roth

Joseph Cinciala

### Our Warmest GREETINGS at Christmas!



We offer our very best wishes for a merry Christmas and a very happy New Year, rich in contentment and pleasure. . .

**PLAZA GRILL**

Frank LaMotte, Mgr.



SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL

To Enjoy the  
Holiday  
Completely



To Make the  
Most of the  
Occasion



Grayling Drum  
and Bugle Corps  
Kerry and Hanson  
Flooring Company  
Alfred Sorenson  
Funeral Home

THERE's more to Christmas than the mere exchanging of gifts. To really appreciate the full significance of this most joyous of holidays . . . to enjoy the holiday to the utmost . . . the spiritual side must be considered as well. You'll double your enjoyment of the day if you make it a point to devote part of the day to Christian worship. No matter what denomination, attend church Christmas!

Grayling Loyal  
Order of Moose  
Number 1162  
Grayling  
Kiwanis Club  
Crawford  
Avalanche

This Ad Sponsored by the Public Spirited Organizations Listed Above



Merry Christmas  
To Our Hundreds Of Friends

At this time, the most glorious holiday season of the whole year, we extend our sincere felicitations to our many friends and customers in Grayling and its environs.



Parsons & Lamm

Standard Oil Products and Car Service.  
Dial 2141

Our Sincerest  
CHRISTMAS  
GREETINGS At This Time

We extend the season's greetings to you and yours at this most joyous of holidays. May you enjoy the day fully!

Betty Mae Beauty Shoppe



Good Cheer  
and Good Luck

May Christmas bring you joy and may each day of the new year add to your enjoyment of life!

And we express our appreciation for the patronage that has been accorded us.

Quality Food Store

Clara Sorenson, Prop'r.

Wishing you  
the merriest  
Christmas  
of all!



May you enjoy this joyous holiday season best of all!

HARWOOD'S

Super Food Store

Sandwich Shop

Wishing you  
the happiest  
New Year's  
Day of all!

GREETINGS



In Grateful Appreciation

We take this opportunity to tell you how much we appreciate your patronage!

Cash & Carry Grocery

Minnie Hartley, Prop'r.



At Christmas

We Offer Our Sincere  
Best Wishes for You

May all the joy that it is possible for this season to bestow upon you be yours at this glad some time! And may you enjoy prosperity in the coming year!

Hanson Hardware

CHRISTMAS 1939